

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ellen BEASLEY et al.

Art Unit: 1647

Serial No.: 09/841,158

Examiner: F. Hamud

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For: ISOLATED HUMAN SECRETED PROTEINS,
NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES ENCODING HUMAN
SECRETED PROTEINS, AND USES THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231*By Facsimile*

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action from Examiner Hamud mailed on June 26, 2002 in which a restriction requirement was issued for the above referenced application.

By way of response, Applicants hereby elect claim group III, claims 4-5, 8-11, and 22-23, directed to nucleic acid molecules, vectors, host cells, etc., for examination and have canceled claims corresponding to the non-elected groups I-II and IV-X.

With respect to the sequence election requirement, Applicants elect the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 for search. Applicants claim the genus of nucleic acids that encode SEQ ID NO:3 such as, for example, the cDNA sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 and the genomic sequence of SEQ ID NO:5.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3, 5-7, and 10-23 as being directed to non-elected subject matter or being made redundant by way of the amendments below.